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In re Application of:
Kia Silverbrook, et al
Application No.: 09/575,187
Filed: May 5, 2000
For: INTERFACE SURFACE PRINTER

**DECISION ON PETITION TO
MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 4, 2000, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. 708.02(V) and (VI): Environmental Quality and Energy, respectively, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section V, must be accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office explaining how the invention materially contributes to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements. No fee for such a petition is required.

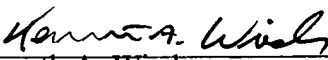
A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VI, must be accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office explaining how the invention materially contributes to (a) the discovery or development of energy resources or (b) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. No fee for such a petition is required.

The petition does not include statements *from the applicant, assignee, or attorney/agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office explaining how the invention directly contributes the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements; and how the invention contributes to the discovery or development of energy sources or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy sources.* The statements made by the applicant are speculative assertions as to how the application would conserve energy sources and maintain natural elements by *potentially* reducing the use of paper. These statements do not explain how the specific invention *directly* contributes to the restoration, maintenance, development, conservation, and more efficient utilization of the basic life-sustaining natural elements and energy sources as required.

The petition is **DENIED**.

Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he/she should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this decision.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center's Central Files area to await examination in due course.


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